

Army World Class Athlete Program

Selection Standards for the sport of **Taekwondo**.

1. The Army World Class Athlete Program (WCAP) is organized with the mission to provide soldiers with high national ranking or world class potential the opportunity to train in order to compete for a place on the US Olympic Team. As such, selection standards are established, consistent with recommendations from the national governing body of each sport, to best identify soldiers who have Olympic potential. Factors taken in to account in the process of establishing selection standards include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Standards established by the International Federation charged with oversight of the sport.
 - b. Standards established by the US National Governing Body recognized by the US Olympic Committee (USOC).
 - c. The number of competitors in the US and the level of proficiency of US competitors.
 - d. The number of quotas allotted to a given sport and the likelihood of the US filling those quotas.
 - e. The cost to support an athlete in a given sport.
2. With the above guidelines in mind, the minimum selection standards for the sport of **Taekwondo** are established. Soldier-athletes who meet one or more of the standards below is deemed athletically qualified for entry into the Army WCAP.
 - a. Qualified for or competed in the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the soldier's WCAP application. Qualified for the Olympic Games means the athlete finished first or second in the Olympic qualifying tournament, or met the standard established by US Taekwondo Union for selection to the US Olympic Team. Athletes who were named as Olympic Team alternates qualify under this definition.
 - b. Qualified to represent the USA at the World Championship or the Pan-American Games within the past 3 years.
 - c. Finished in the top-4 at the US National Championship within the past 2 years.
 - d. Finished in the top-4 at the US Junior Olympic Championship within the past 2 years.
 - e. Finished in the top-4 at the CISM World Championship within the past 2 years.
 - f. Finished in the top-4 at the NCAA Championship within the past 2 years.
3. Athletes, who fail to meet the qualifying standards set forth in paragraph 2, may request an exception to policy for acceptance based upon established selection standards. Such requests should make a compelling case that the athlete has demonstrated Olympic potential by performing at the national level in USTU certified competition and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the WCAP Head Taekwondo Coach that the athlete has such potential. The request should include recommendations from individuals qualified to judge the athletic potential of the athlete and who have recognized credentials as experts in Olympic style taekwondo.